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<i>Interview Summary</i>	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner	Art Unit
	Paul B. Prebilic	3774

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Paul B. Prebilic. (3) Lishan Aglog.

(2) Chris Caseiro. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 01 November 2007.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.

If Yes, brief description: The amendment filed October 31, 2007 was discussed.

Claim(s) discussed: the independent claims in general.

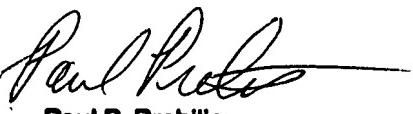
Identification of prior art discussed: Tremulis and Streeter as applied in the Final Office action.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Paul B. Prebilic
Primary Examiner

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Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Mr. Aglog explained that the Tremulis and Streeter devices do not extend to the coaption surfaces of the prolapsed leaflet and do not provide a string-like netting as now claimed. Mr. Caseiro pointed out that the netting must extent across the ring. The Examiner said that he had not had time to fully examine the claims but thought that the use of "string-like" make the claim scope indefinite. He also thought that the prior art may read on at least the coaption surfaces be contacted with the features of Tremulis in Figure 13B. Mr. Caseiro requested that the Examiner call him to propose an amendment, if needed, to put the case in condition for allowance once the amendment is fully considered.